

Wiste. in what our pe peef were to
come: treuþ he shuld wake. &
suffre not his hous to be vndur-
mynded. And þfore ȝe be redy: for
in what our ȝe gessen not. manys
sone is to come. **¶** Who gessit þou
is a trewe seruant & prudent or
war: whom his lord ordeynede on
his meyne. þ he ȝine he mete in
tyme: blestid is þat seruant: who
his lord whane he shal come. shal
fynde doynge so treuþ: ȝe sepe to
ȝou. for on alle his goodis. he shal
ordeyne hi. forloþe if wilke þuel
seruant sepe in his herte. my lord
makip dwellig or taryng to co-
me. & bigynne to synge his eue
seruantis. soþer if he ete & dryn-
ke. wip drinkelewe me: þe lord of
wilke seruant. shal come in þe
day in which he hopip not. & in
our pat he knowip not. & shal de-
parte hi. & putte his part wip
ypocritis: þe shal be wepyng.
& betyg to gidre of teer. **¶** **¶**
Wane þe kyngd of heu-
nes shal be lyk to ten vir-
gyns: whiche takige her
laupis wente out. meetige þe
sponse or husebonde & þe sponse
le or wif forloþe fyne of he we-
ren foolis: & fyne prudent: but
þe fyne foolis tooken her laupis.
& tooken not oþle wip he. forloþe
þe prudent: tooken oþle in her wel-
fels wip laupis forloþe whine þe
sponse or husebonde made dwellig.
alle nappid & slepte. soþer at myd-
nygt. a cry was maid: lo þe spon-
se comip. go ȝe out meetige wip
hi. þane alle þe virgyns risen up.
& ourned her laupis. soþer þe
foolis seiden to þe wif. ȝine ȝe

to us of ȝour oþle. for our laupis
ben quenched. ȝe prudent answere
ide. seynge. lest pamentur it shal
fille not to us & to ȝou. go ȝe rye-
re to me lillige. & þye ȝe to ȝou.
forloþe þe while þe wene forto
þye. þe sponse cam. & þe pat we-
ren redy. entride wip hi to þe wed-
digis. & þe ȝate was shut. soþer
at þe laste also þe oþe virgyns
came seynge. lord lord. opne
to us. and he answerige seide. tre-
uþ. ȝe sepe to ȝou. ȝe knowe not
ȝou. þe fore wake ȝe. for ȝe wi-
ten not þe day ne þe our. **¶** So
þer as ama goynge fer in pilg-
mage. depite his seruantis. &
bytook to he his goodis. And to
he ȝaf fyne talentis or besantis.
forloþe to anor twayne. but to
anoyr oon. to ech after his owne
vertu. & wente forþ anoon. forlo-
þe & he pat hadde take fyne tale-
tis. wente forþ & wroute in he.
ȝe wan oþe fyne also. & he pat ta-
ke twayne. wan oþe twayne. so
þer he pat taku oon. ȝede forþ &
dalk into þe erpe. & hude þe mo-
ney of his lord. but after moche
tyme. þe lord of þe seruantis
cam. & putte re sou wip he. &
he pat hadde take fyne talentis
cam. & brouste oþer fyne & sei-
de. lord þou bitokist to me fyne
talentis or besantis: lo ȝe hane
ouer getu oþer fyne. his lord
seide to hi. wel be ȝe. gode seruant
& seynful or trewe. for on fewe
ȝis þou hast be trewe. ȝe shal
ordeyne þe on many pigis. en-
tre þou into þe ioye of þe lord.
forloþe & he pat hadde take tli-
er talentis. cam & seide. lord ȝe

bitokist to me twayne talentis: lo
ȝe hane ouergetu oþe twayne. hi
lord seide to him. wel be þou god
seruant & trewe. for on fewe ȝis
þou hast be trewe. ȝe shal or-
deyne þe on many pigis. entre
þou into þe ioye of þe lord. forloþe
& he pat hadde taku o talent. cam
my & seide. lord. ȝe woot ȝe art
an hard ma. þou repist wher þou
hast not lous. & þou gadrist to
gidre. wher þou hast not lous. a
brood. and ȝe dreyge wente. & hude
þe talent in þe erpe. so þou hast pat
pat is þu. soþer his lord answeri-
ge seide to hi. þuel seruant & sloth.
wistit ȝe ȝe repe wher ȝe lous
not. & gadre to gidre wher ȝe lous
adde not abrood. þe fore it biho-
te þe to take my money to change
ris. & ȝe comyge shulde hane rel-
seined forloþe þat pat is myn. &
wher ȝe fore take ȝe awer fro hi
þe talent. & ȝine ȝe to hi. þat hap-
ten talentis. for to every ma ha-
uige it shal be ȝouu. & he shal
hane pleite. forloþe fro hi. þat
hap not also. þat pat he semeþ to
hane. shal be taku awer of hi.
and caste ȝe out þe seruant. vn-
profitable. into vtmer. der tuel
his. þe shal be wepyng. & be-
tyng to gidre of teer. **¶** Forloþe
whane manys sone shal come. i
his maite. & alle hile engel-
is wip hi. þane he shal sitte on þe
sege of his maite. & alle folkis
shulen be gadrid. bifore hi. & he
shal departe hem asþyne. as a
shepard departip schep fro ki-
dis. and soþer he shal sette þe sh-
cep on his rythalf. þe kidis for-
sepe on þe lefthalf. þane þe ky-

shal sepe to he. þat shule be on
his rythalf. come ȝe þe blestid of
my fadir. weelde ȝe or take. & posses-
cion þe kyngdom maid redi to ȝou
fro þe makig of þe world. for ȝe
was hungry. & ȝe ȝane to me for to
ete. and ȝe yrritid. & ȝe ȝane to me
for to drynke. ȝe was herborles. &
ȝe herborde me. nakid. & ȝe hiled
me. & ȝe visitiden me. ȝe was
in prilon. & ȝe came to me. þane
mit me shule answer to hi. & shu-
len sepe. lord whane ȝe ȝen we ȝe
hungry. & we fedde ȝe. þe ȝane
to me drynke. whane ȝe
loþe ȝe ȝen we ȝe herborles. & we
herborde ȝe. or nakid. & we hile-
den ȝe. or whine ȝen we ȝe syt
or in prilon. & we came to ȝe. &
he answerige shal sepe to he. treu-
þ. ȝe sepe to ȝou. as longe as ȝe dide
to oon of þe. my leste byperen.
ȝe diden to me. þane þe kyng shal
sepe to hem. þat shule be on his
lefthalf. departe fro me. & en-
tre into enlastige fier. which is maid
redy to þe deul. & his engels. for
ȝe higrde. & ȝe ȝane not to me for
to ete. ȝe yrritid. & ȝe ȝane not to
me for to drynke. ȝe was herbo-
les. & ȝe herborde not me. nakid.
& ȝe herborde not me. syt & in pr-
lon. & ȝe visitid not me. þane þe
shulen answer to hi. & shulen
sepe. lord whane ȝe ȝen we ȝe hu-
grige. or yrritid. or herborles. or
nakid. or syt. or in prlon. & we ser-
uete not to ȝe. þane he shal an-
swer to hem. & shal sepe. treuþ.
ȝe sepe to ȝou. how longe ȝe diden
not to oon of þe. leste. neper ȝe
diden to me. and þe shule go
to enlastige turnet. forloþe þe